

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR
MARCH 24, 2009 (MAY 19 RUNOFF) ELECTION
FILING SCHEDULE**

The March 24, 2009 special election for the 26th Senate District may impact filing requirements for all state committees. Committees should refer to the appropriate 2009 filing schedule and campaign information manual/addendum for detailed information about filing requirements.

Q. Our political party received contributions totaling \$3,000 in January 2009. The party did not make an expenditure in connection with the Senate District 26 special election. Must the party file a campaign statement on February 12, 2009?

A. Yes. All political parties must file statements on the deadline for the pre-election statements (February 12, March 12, and May 7) if the party receives \$1,000 or more in contributions or the party makes contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more during the period covered by the statement.

Q. Our state PAC made contributions totaling more than \$10,000 to candidates and committees primarily formed for a candidate running in the March 24, 2009 special election. Must the committee file a supplemental pre-election statement?

A. Yes. The supplemental pre-election statement (Form 495) is required to be filed. The form, along with a Form 460 or Form 450, is filed with the Secretary of State, Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County, and the Department of Elections-City and County of San Francisco.

Q. In January 2009, a major donor committee made a contribution of \$3,000 to a candidate running in the March 24, 2009 special election. Must the major donor file a campaign statement on February 12 or March 12, 2009?

A. No. Major donors are not required to file pre-election statements or supplemental pre-election statements. A major donor must file, if applicable: late contribution and late independent expenditure reports; issue advocacy reports; special online independent expenditure reports; and supplemental independent expenditure reports.

Q. What are the late contribution/late independent expenditure reporting periods?

A. Late contribution and late independent expenditure reports are required if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a candidate or if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made to support or oppose a candidate during the 16 days prior to the candidate's election. (Independent expenditures disclosed by electronic filers during the 90-day election cycle prior to the election are not required to be reported as "late independent expenditures.")

In addition, late contribution reports are required for contributions totaling \$1,000 or more that are made to or received by a political party committee during the 16 days prior to any state election.

Q. What about issue advocacy reports?

A. A committee that makes a payment or a promise of a payment of \$50,000 or more during the 45-day period prior to a state election for a communication that clearly identifies a state candidate being voted on in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate, must file Form E530 electronically with the Secretary of State.